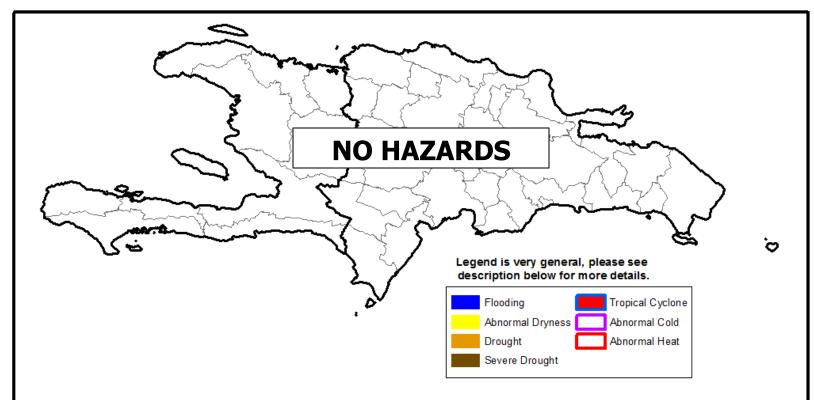


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook April 16 – April 22, 2015

Above-average rainfall observed over central Hispaniola during the past week.



During the past seven days, central Hispaniola received another week of abundant and above-average rainfall. Moderate to heavy rains fell over central Haiti and bordering western Dominican Republic, increasing moisture surpluses over the Ouest department and southern portions of Haiti. Meanwhile, little to light rains were observed elsewhere. Since mid-March, rainfall surpluses have been recorded over the central and southeastern portions of Haiti, while moisture deficits have increased throughout northeastern Haiti and northern Dominican Republic. The largest thirty-day rainfall deficits were observed over northwestern Dominican Republic, where negative anomalies exceeded 100 mm. The uneven distribution in rainfall over the past few weeks has already begun to negatively impact vegetation conditions over the northwestern and southwestern parts of the Dominican Republic, according to the latest Normalized Difference Vegetation Index anomaly. During the next week, a reduction in rainfall is forecast over Hispaniola, with little to light rains across much of the Island. Localized moderate showers are, however, possible over the Grand'Anse, Sud, and Centre departments of Haiti and the central parts of the Dominican Republic.